

End Abuse Identifies Gender-Based Violence in Oneida Casino Shooting

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GREEN BAY, WI – On May 1, Bruce Pofahl - a 62 year-old white man - shot and killed two people and injured a third before being fatally shot by police at the Duck Creek Kitchen and Bar at the Radisson Oneida Nation hotel, casino, and conference center just west of Green Bay. While full details have not been released surrounding the gunman's motivation or target, it is confirmed that Pofahl's former colleague at the restaurant had taken out a harassment restraining order against him in March, and that an injunction without firearm restriction was granted.

"Gender-based violence, which takes many forms including harassment, workplace violence, stalking, and domestic violence, must be understood for what it is: a community issue that requires community-based solutions," said End Abuse Executive Director Grisel Santiago-Rivera. "It is too often dismissed as a personal or private matter, and known patterns that predict future violence are ignored by those with power to prevent harm. This recent tragedy demonstrates the far-reaching ramifications of not addressing root causes of violence. Once again, the legal system has failed a community by not appropriately addressing misogyny. Once again, a white man with access to a firearm has stolen lives. We must take seriously the evidence-based signs that indicate potential for escalation and homicide. Had the granted injunction, for example, included a firearm restriction, we may not be witnessing violence at this scale."

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